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“Carolina Pick 3” Players Win Over \$1.2 Million on Triple 3s!

RALEIGH- Carolina Pick 3 players are seeing “triples.” The triple 3s on Thursday night’s evening Carolina Pick 3 drawing produced a payout total of \$1,256,500, which is the second highest payout on Carolina Pick 3 since it was introduced in Oct. 2006. The highest payout, \$1,365,750, on Carolina Pick 3 was for the Dec. 16, 2007 drawing when the numbers 7-7-7 were drawn.

“This is the fifth time there has been trips on Carolina Pick 3,” said Pamela Walker, North Carolina Education Lottery (NCEL) spokesperson. “Players seem to enjoy playing triple numbers because of the aspect of excitement it adds to the game. The payout total shows the popularity of triples because it always pays out so well.”

There were 2,087 players who played the numbers 3-3-3 for \$1, which is worth \$500 each. Another 852 wagered 50 cents on 3-3-3, which is worth \$250 each.

Here is the history of triple numbers for the NCEL:

<u>Drawing date</u>	<u>Winning numbers</u>
May 29, 2008	3-3-3
May 6, 2008	1-1-1
Jan. 19, 2008	0-0-0
Dec. 16, 2007	7-7-7
March 23, 2007	1-1-1

Note: All the above numbers were drawn for evening drawings. However, the NCEL just introduced day drawings March 31, 2008.

“Carolina Pick 3” is a 3-digit numbers game where the player chooses a 3-digit number between 000 and 999. The top prize is \$500 for all players who match all three numbers in exact order drawn. There are other prize levels depending on the amount played and type of play. “Carolina Pick 3” drawings are held Monday through Saturday at 3 p.m. and Monday through Sunday at 11:22 p.m.

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